

# MARGARET GILES SCHOOL OF DANCING

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**SPRING TERM 2011 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> January - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March HALF TERM Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
Chartham Hatch term finishes on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

Dear Parents and Pupils,

A very Happy New Year to everyone, hope you all had a really good break. We would like to say a big thank you for making our show such an enjoyable experience, you were all marvellous. Special thanks go to the small army of mums and dads who helped backstage and front of house. Considering our rehearsal time in the theatre is very limited, I thought pupils rose to the occasion splendidly and demonstrated great professionalism. Well done everybody! If you would like to order a DVD of the show you can go to [www.missinglinkdvd.co.uk](http://www.missinglinkdvd.co.uk) username: Margaret, password: giles, or ask me for an order form. Photographs can still be ordered, please ask for order form. *Please return any hired costumes and settle any costume invoices ASAP.* If you did not pay for your ballet shoes or tights on the weekend of the show, don't forget to pay for those too.

**Website** Our new website is being developed by Mr Carpenter. Hopefully when I get to grips with it, I can keep you up to date with info, especially at times of snow etc. I would like to use some of the photos taken at the dress rehearsal, by Martin Fagg, on the website, if anyone has any objection to this please come and speak to me and I will make sure your child's image is not used.

**Timetable Changes** There are some changes to the timetable on Thursday and Friday, I hope this does not cause problems for anyone. I have tried to arrange the timetable so that siblings can have their lessons on the same night. Unfortunately we are unable to stay in the hall in Ashford as long as I would like due to there being another hall-user in immediately after us on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Nuisance!

**FreeTaster** lesson for anyone who would like to have a go at modern or tap. Tap shoes can be hired for £10 if you decide to take it up.

**Street Jazz for younger pupils.** Annie would like to start up a street jazz class for younger pupils in the Ashford hall on Wednesdays 4.30 - 5.15, please can you let us know if you are interested so we can decide whether to go ahead.

**Tap at Chartham Hatch** I am planning to start a beginners tap class at Chartham Hatch this term 1.15 - 1.45 (!)

**Hair** Please could you make an effort to have tidy hair, I am noticing more and more elaborate fringes. Hair must be up and off the face. I know this can be difficult but good grooming is all part of a dancers' discipline. Older girls should have their hair in buns for ballet.

**Addresses and Contact Numbers.** Please ask for an address card if you have not already filled one out.

**CDS.** Please can you return any borrowed cds.

## Uniform for classes:

**Ballet: Baby class and primary** - Plum or Sky blue leotard and circular skirt, pink socks or pink tights. Pink leather or canvas ballet shoes with elastics. Wrap-over cardigans for colder months. Hair up and off the face. **Boys** - White T shirt, black tights or shorts, black or white socks, black ballet shoes.

**Grades 1, 2 and 3** - Plum or Sky Blue leotard with matching belt, pink tights pink leather or canvas ballet shoes. Wrap-over cardigans for colder months. Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face. **Boys** - white T-shirt black tights or cycling shorts, white or black socks and black or white ballet shoes. ( for exams white socks must be worn with white elastics on shoes).

**Grade 4 upwards** - Black or coloured sleeveless or camisole-top leotard, pink tights, pink leather or canvas ballet shoes, pink point shoes (as advised by teacher). Hair up, preferably in a bun, and off the face.

**Modern:** Black or coloured leotard, footless tights, bare feet. **Tap:** Black or coloured leotard, tights or black jazz pants, black socks and black tap shoes. Hair up and off the face for all classes please.

**School Rules:** No child is allowed to run around in the hall before class. Please be sure that you sit down quietly at the back of the hall until your teacher calls you. During class changeovers, noise levels can be high, please change and exit the hall as quietly as possible.

**CHILD PROTECTION ISSUES.** As I.S.T.D teachers of dance, we have been advised to issue the following statement in our newsletters to parents: - **Due to the nature of dance training, physical touch of the pupil by a teacher is often necessary. This would always be clinical and helpful and would never humiliate any pupil.**

Absent or discontinuing classes. We remind parents to inform us if your child is absent from class for more than two weeks or will not be continuing. A phone call or email will suffice.

**INVOICES ARE NOT ISSUED. FEES DUE BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF TERM PLEASE.**

ASHFORD	£40 per term
WYE	£38 per term
CHARTHAM HATCH	£38 per term
1 HOUR MODERN/TAP	£50 per term
HALF HOUR CLASS AT ANY VENUE	£35 per term

Two of more lessons a week for the **same pupil** - 10% discount

If paying cash, I would be grateful if the money could be in a named envelope. Please write pupils name on back of cheque.

Cheques payable to The Margaret Giles School of Dancing.

SUMMER TERM DATES 26<sup>th</sup> April 2011 - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011 HALF TERM: Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May - Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June

Day	Location			Teacher
Monday	Ashford	Grade 1/2Modern, Primary/ Grade 1 Tap	4.15 - 5.00	Annie
		Grade 3 Modern, Grade 2 Tap	5.00 - 6.00	Annie
		Grade 4 Modern, Grade 3 Tap	6.00 - 7.00	Annie
		Teens Street Jazz	7.00 - 8.00	Annie
Tuesday	Ashford	Grade 1 Ballet	4.45 - 5.30	Liz
		Grade 2/3 Ballet	5.30 - 6.30	Liz
		Grade 5 and Intermediate Ballet	6.30 - 7.25	Liz
Wednesday	Ashford	Grade 5 Modern and Tap	5.15 - 6.15	Annie
Thursday	Ashford	Baby Ballet	4.00 - 4.30	Liz
		Primary Ballet	4.30 - 5.10	Liz
		Grade 1 Ballet	5.10 - 5.45	Liz
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.45 - 6.30	Liz
		Grade 4/5 and Inter Ballet	6.30 - 7.15 TBC	Liz
		Grade 5 and Inter	7.15 - 7.45 TBC	Liz
Friday	Wye	Primary Ballet 1	3.30 - 4.00	Liz
		Primary Ballet 2	4.00 - 4.30	Liz
		Grade 1 Ballet	4.30 - 5.10	Liz
		Grade 2 Ballet	5.10 - 5.50	Liz
		Grade 3 Ballet	5.50 - 6.30	Liz
Saturday	Chartham Hatch	Grade 4/5 Ballet	6.30 - 7.30	Liz
		Senior Ballet	9.15 - 10.10	Liz
		Grade 3 Ballet	10.15 - 11.00	Liz
		Primary Ballet	11.00 - 11.30	Liz
		Grade 1 Ballet	11.45 - 12.30	Liz
		Grade 2 Ballet	12.30 - 1.15	Liz

Regards Liz Moriarty and Annie Farrant -Davies